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TO: All Passenger Car, Light-Duty Truck, and Medium-Duty Vehicle Manufacturers
All Engine Manufacturers
All Other Interested Parties

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CALIFORNIA EXHAUST,
EVAPORATIVE, AND REFUELING EMISSION STANDARDS AND
TEST PROCEDURES FOR PASSENGER CARS, LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS
AND MEDIUM-DUTY VEHICLES**

In a Board hearing scheduled for November 5, 1998, staff will propose substantial modifications to California's Low-Emission Vehicle regulations pursuant to the requirements of Measure M2 -- Improved Control Technologies for Light-Duty Vehicles -- of California's State Implementation Plan ("SIP"). The amendments to the LEV regulations will affect passenger cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty vehicles and will include lower tailpipe standards, restructuring of the light-duty truck category, lower fleet average requirements, increased durability requirements, a "zero" evaporative and refueling emission standard, implementation of partial zero-emission vehicle ("ZEV") credits, modifications to the hybrid electric vehicle test procedures and modifications to the smog index label. Finally, staff will be proposing modifications to the certification and in-use requirements pursuant to amendments being promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency called "CAP 2000."

To discuss these proposed amendments, staff will be conducting a workshop at the date and time listed below:

Date: July 22, 1998
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Annex IV
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California

If necessary, the workshop may be continued on July 23, 1998.

An electronic version of this notice, draft Preliminary Staff Report, and supporting regulatory documentation will be available on the Air Resources Board's ("ARB") web page at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/levprog/levii/levii.htm. All documents relating to the November 1998 Board hearing will be contained under the heading entitled "LEV II."

Questions regarding the proposal should be directed to the following staff:

Proposed LEV II standards
Zero Evaporative standards
Partial ZEV Credits
Hybrid Test Procedures
Smog Index Label

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Sincerely,

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